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SR 94 Operational Improvement Project

■ THE PROJECT

State Route 94 (SR-94) is the main highway that provides access from the San Diego urban area to the southeastern communities of San Diego County and to the Tecate Port of Entry (POE).

Travel demands along SR-94 have increased due to growth in the corridor, surrounding land use changes, and the growth in international trade and travel between the United States and Mexico. The corridor also provides access to recreational areas and users both on a seasonal and weekend basis.

■ PURPOSE AND NEED

The project proposes operational improvements along the 18-mile rural segment of SR 94, from Melody Road to SR-188, near Tecate POE. Large vehicles and semi trucks are not able to negotiate some of the curves without crossing over the centerline stripe or driving off the edge of the pavement. In addition, there is a lack of passing opportunities behind slow moving vehicles.

The purpose of this project is to provide roadway improvements for better traffic flow and increased safety along the route. Proposed improvements include adding passing lanes, turn pockets, truck turnouts and road widening and realignment.

■ FUNDING

Over five (5) million dollars have been secured for the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program. Additional funds are being sought for the Design and Construction phases.

■ ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

An Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) is being conducted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) because of the number of resources along the corridor. These include community impacts, visual/aesthetics, traffic, wetlands, cultural and historical resources, a 100-year flood plain, and water and noise receptors. Every effort will be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside, recreation lands as well as wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites to comply with section 4(f) resources. Additionally, there are 75 potentially threatened or endangered species in the area.

■ SCHEDULE

Project scoping meetings are targeted for late 2006 with engineering and environmental studies to be completed in 2009. The Draft Environmental Document is targeted to be completed in late 2009 with a Final Environmental Document anticipated in late 2010. Design and construction may begin as early as six months after the completion of the final environmental document for portions of the project not requiring right-of-way acquisition.

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PROJECT LIMITS

